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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN INTERREGIONAL PROJECT OF

(INT/93/650) - SPR-Funded Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation During the Fifth Cycle

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	14 July 1993
Expected duration:	Three years and six months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$2 095 000 Source of funds: SPR
Available programming level:	$4 905 000
Total UNDP budget:	$7 000 000

Project background

New approaches and modalities - Evaluation assumes greater importance during the Fifth Cycle as UNDP moves progressively from the project to programme approach, promotes greater decentralization of authority to the field offices and develops the national execution modality. Particular attention will also need to be paid to measurement of UNDP progress in addressing the six areas of focus delineated in Governing Council's Decision 90/34. To keep pace with these developments, evaluation activities will need to develop new instruments and tools.

Programme Quality - Improvement in propgramme quality continues to be of paramount importance and in its decision 90/14 the Council noted that attention should be paid to strengthening "monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure that evaluation results have retroactive effects on current programmes and improve future programming". Yet again in Decision 92/24 the Council formally requested "the Administrator to expand and accelerate measures that ensure genuine feedback and use of results attained through evaluations and assessments to the programme activities of the UNDP as well as to Governments.."

Strengthening of Evaluation Capacity of Governments - In its decisions 83/12, 86/28 and 90/14, the Governing Council has also repeatedly mandated that UNDP should pay specific attention to strengthening the evaluation capacity of recipient Governments. In addition, the Council encouraged UNDP (Decision 89/35) "to strengthen the evaluation of programme and project impact, and to further integrate it into thematic evaluation, taking into account the views of national experts when conducting the evaluation". The successor arrangements for agency support costs (Decision 90/26) also clearly indicate that Executing Agencies will under TSS 1 be invited to carry out or jointly participate with UNDP to sectoral or thematic evaluations.

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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This SPR programme for Monitoring and Evaluation in the Fifth Cycle, has been designed to respond to the interests and demands delineated above. An outline of this programme was presented for SPR funding amounting to $7 million and endorsed by the Governing Council in early 1992.

Description of project

This programme has three broad objectives, namely: (1) the assessment of UNDP performance on high priority issues during the Fifth Cycle; (2) the improvements of programme quality through the increased use of evaluation feedback mechanisms; and (3) the development of monitoring and evaluation systems in recipient countries.

The first objective covering the measurement and evaluation of the quality and impact of UNDP-funded technical assistance in the six areas of focus, will be achieved through strategy, policy, programme and process evaluations. To achieve the record objective which covers the improvement of feedback mechanisms, this SPR programme will include ex-post and ex-ante use of evaluation and expand/improve databanks/information services and networks. The third objective of supporting monitoring and evaluation systems in recipient countries will be achieved through undertaking country studies, papers, training courses, study tours/seminars and the circulation of a Directories of Evaluation Authorities and of Training Institutions.

This programme will build on Central Evaluation Office (CEO) experience during the third and fourth cycles and will have a global focus. An independent evaluation will; be carried out toward the latter part of the Fifth Cycle and this evaluation will also be reported upon to the Standing Committee of Programme Matters of the Governing Council.

Inputs

UNDP will provide numerous consultants in monitoring and evaluation; in-service training, study tours and seminars; travel costs, report writing and editing costs and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	5 880 000
Training	420 000
Miscellaneous	420 000
Total	7 000 000

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